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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In March 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **ten (10) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128.**

Following is a listing of the 10 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Lands' End is recalling Zipper Pulls on Children's Outer Wear.
- ❖ The Elegant Kids 2000 Inc. is recalling Pacifiers. #05-125
- ❖ Ocean Desert Sales Inc. is recalling Children's Stuffed Yarn Bunnies. #05-126
- ❖ QSP, Inc. is recalling Flying Saucer Toys.
- ❖ Hirschberg Schutz & Co. Inc. is recalling Metal Charms. #05-127
- ❖ JCPenney Corp. is recalling Infant & Toddler Sweaters. #05-128
- ❖ Delta Enterprise Corp. is recalling Portable Cribs for Repair. #05-131
- ❖ Graco Children's Products is recalling Toddler Beds. #05-137
- ❖ Reebok and Adjmi are recalling Children's Reebok Jacket & Pant Sets. #05-140
- ❖ MGA Entertainment Inc. is recalling Bratz Stylin' Scooters. #05-141

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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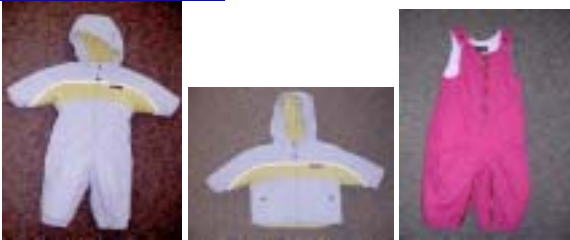
**Release Information:** Lands' End, of Dodgeville, Wis. is voluntarily recalling about 24,000 Lands' End Infant and Toddler Squall Parkas, Sport Squalls, Squall Snow Suits and Squall Bibs. The recalled Lands' End outer wear have a rubber tab located at the end of the fabric zipper pull located on the front of the jacket. The recall includes the garments and style numbers listed below. The style number is written on a label in the left side seam of the garment.

- Infant Squall Parka, style 94648
- Infant Hooded Sport Squall, style 94650
- Infant Squall Snowsuit, style 94654
- Infant Squall Bib, style 94652
- Toddler Squall Parka, style 94649
- Toddler Hooded Sport Squall, style 94651
- Toddler Squall Snowsuit, style 94655
- Toddler Squall Bib, style 94653

They were sold by Lands' End Catalogue and Internet sales from August 2004 through December 21, 2004 for between \$54.50 and \$79.50 and manufactured in China and Hong Kong.

**Problem:** The rubber zipper pull-tab can be bitten off and may pose a risk of choking to young children.

**What to do:** Cut off the fabric zipper pull and dispose of it. Consumer Contact: For more information, call Lands' End at (800) 200-6212 anytime, or visit their Web site at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05546.html>

**Release Number:** 05-125 The Elegant Kids 2000 Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 34,500 Soother Baby Pacifiers. The recalled pacifiers measure about 2-1/2 inches in length and 2 inches in width. The pacifiers are blue, green, yellow and pink and

have a tan tinted nipple with a curved plastic handle and shield. "SOOTHER BABY PACIFIERS" is printed on the back of cardboard packaging with a clear blister-bubble cover. Gift shops, discount retail stores and various Hispanic commercial retailers nationwide sold them from March 2000 through January 2005 for between \$.50 and \$1. They were manufactured in Thailand.

**Problem:** The pacifiers are banned under federal law. They failed federal safety tests when the nipples separated from the base and can pose a choking hazard to infants and small children.

**What to do:** Consumers should return the recalled pacifiers to the store where purchased to receive a full refund. For additional information, contact The Elegant Kids 2000 Inc. collect at (213) 627-6716 between 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

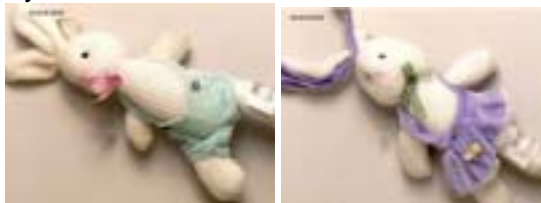


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**Release Number:** 05-126 Ocean Desert Sales Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa. is voluntarily recalling about 18,500 Stuffed Yarn Bunnies. The stuffed bunny is about 8-inches tall wearing a skirt or overall shorts in various colors including purple, turquoise and pink. The skirt and overall shorts are decorated with heart and flower buttons, and there is a bow tie at the neck in checked pattern colors including green and pink. The eyes are round black beads. A hang tag attached to the stuffed bunny reads in part, "OCEAN DESERT SALES 5400 TULIP STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124 ITEM NO.: EST-220 MADE IN CHINA UPC CODE: 0 15381 14220 1." They were sold at discount and dollar stores from February 2002 through March 2003 for about \$1 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The eyes can detach from the stuffed animal, posing an aspiration hazard to young children. Additionally, the heart and flower button decorations also can detach, posing a choking hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the toy away from young children and return it to the store where purchased for a refund. Contact Ocean Desert Sales at (800) 252-1931 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05126.html>

**Release Information:** QSP Inc., Pleasantville, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 555 Battery-Powered Flying Saucer Toys. Flying Saucer battery-powered toys with model numbers 83153 and 3321 consist of a 9-inch diameter foam saucer with a rechargeable motor at its hub with a plastic propeller under the motor. The Flying Saucer is a foam ring with seven ribs or blades between the hub and the outer ring. The propeller rotates inside the circumference of the foam ring. The toy comes with a plastic hand-held "thrust transmitter" that is used to activate and control the speed of the saucer. Each toy also comes with an AC adapter for recharging the saucer's batteries. No other models are affected. The saucers were distributed through school fund-raising programs nationwide from August 2004 through September 2004. None of the recalled units were sold at retail. They were manufactured in China and Hong Kong.

**Problem:** The Flying Saucer can overheat while charging, resulting in the plastic motor cover starting to melt, creating a risk of burns to children handling the toy.

**What to do:** Schools and fundraising officials have received notification of this recall. Consumers can return the product for a replacement prize of equal value. For more information, and assistance in identifying the recalled toys, consumers can contact QSP Inc. at (800) 966-4540 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05547.html>

**Release Information:** 05-127 Hirschberg Schutz & Co. Inc., of Warren, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 2.8 million metal charms. The recalled metal charms were sold under the name "Charming Thoughts™." Most of the charms are silver-colored with small silver loops. They were sold in packages of two to 12 pieces. The packages are marked "The Card Connection™," "Charming Thoughts™" and "Hirschberg Schutz & Co. Inc." The metal charms are various shapes including small hearts, crowns, birds, picture frames, perfume bottles and a cross. Some of the metal charms have small blue, pink or yellow stones and are printed with words including "princess," "congratulations," "city girl," "world traveler" and "life's blessings." "Insert photo here," "cherish," "love," and "honor" are printed on the picture frame charms. The metal charms were sold as decorations for place cards, greeting cards, collages, memory boxes, gift cards, scrapbooks, invitations and gift bags. The charms also can be attached to necklaces and bracelets. The recalled metal charms were sold at Michaels Stores from July 2002 through February 2005, at Recollections stores from October 2004 through February 2005, and at Hancock Fabrics stores from January 2004 through January 2005 for between \$3 to \$4. All of the charms were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The recalled metal charms contain high levels of lead, posing a serious risk of lead poisoning to young children. Lead poisoning in children is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take these metal charms away from children and contact Hirschberg Schutz & Co. at (800) 873-5506 anytime to receive a refund. Consumers also can e-mail the firm at [charmsrecall@horizongroupusa.com](mailto:charmsrecall@horizongroupusa.com) for more information.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05127.html>

**Release Number:** 05-128 J.C. Penney Corp., of Plano, Texas is voluntarily recalling about 57,000 (42,000 toddler-size and 15,000 infant size) Arizona® Boys' Zip-Up Cardigan Sweaters. The recalled sweaters were sold in toddler sizes (2T to 5T) and infant sizes (12M to 24M) in colors red barn and navy. The sweaters have an Arizona Jean Company tag sewn in the neckline and include "RN Number 93677" and "Made in Israel." J.C. Penney stores nationwide sold them from September 2004 through January 2005 for \$15 (infant) and \$17 (toddler). They were manufactured in Israel.

**Problem:** The zipper-pull mechanism can detach from the zipper, posing a choking hazard to children.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the recalled sweaters immediately and return them to any J.C. Penney store for a full refund. Contact J.C. Penney toll-free at (888) 333-6063 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.jcpenney.com](http://www.jcpenney.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05128.html>

**Release Number:** 05-131 Delta Enterprise Corp., of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 10,000 Portable Cribs. The cribs are made of wood sold in three finishes including: natural, cherry and white. Model numbers 4464-1 (white), 4464-2 (natural) and 4464-4 (cherry)

and "Taiwan" are printed on the mattress pad support board. Juvenile furniture stores nationwide sold them from January 2004 through February 2005 for about \$100 and they were manufactured in Taiwan.

**Problem:** The crib slats can separate from the headboard, posing an entrapment risk to young children. In addition, children can fall through the slat opening.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the crib immediately and contact Delta Enterprise Corp. to arrange for two free replacement headboards. Consumers should contact Delta Enterprise Corp. toll free at (877) 660-3777 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at [www.deltaenterprise.com](http://www.deltaenterprise.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05131.html>

**Release Number:** 05-137 Graco Children's Products Inc. of Exton, Pa is voluntarily recalling about 1.2 million Graco Toddler Beds. The recalled Graco toddler beds are white plastic and steel with openings between the slats in the guard rails and footboard. The beds were sold under the names "Cozy Toddler Bed," "Glow-in-the-Dark Toddler Bed," and "Classic Toddler Bed." There is a label on the guard rail or leg containing one of the following model numbers: "8801, 8801WR, 8821, 8824, 8828, 8833, 30066, 34434 and 11030," a serial number, and the manufacturer's address. Model 8828's headboard has a blue sky with a yellow moon and stars. Model 8801WR has red legs. "Graco" is printed on all of the beds' footboards. Discount, department and juvenile product stores nationwide sold them from February 1994 through March 2001 for between \$50 and \$70. They were manufactured in the United States.

**Problem:** A child's arm, leg or foot can become entrapped between the slats in the guard rails or footboard. This can result in broken bones, sprains and other injuries to young children.



**What to do:** Consumers should remove the guard rails from the recalled Graco toddler beds immediately and call the firm to receive a free retrofit kit. The kit includes custom designed mesh coverings that must be attached to the guard rails and footboard to prevent entrapment. The mesh coverings will be available in 6 to 8 weeks. Graco at (800) 837-4404 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log on to the firm's Web site at [www.gracobaby.com](http://www.gracobaby.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05137.html>

**Release Number:** 05-140 Adjmi Apparel Group, of New York, N.Y. (Adjmi is an authorized licensee of children's apparel products of Reebok, of Canton, Mass.) is voluntarily recalling about 8,000 Reebok Children's Windwear and Fleece Jacket and Pant Sets. The recalled jacket/pant sets were sold in royal blue, pink, pink/blue, purple/green, pink, purple, red/blue, and gray/dark gray color combinations in sizes up to children's size 7. "Reebok" is printed across the front of the hooded jackets. The style numbers were printed on the store tag only and end in: 451, 449, 448, 447, 446, 444, 435, 433, 429, 428, 424, 412, 537, 531, 530 and 526. They were manufactured in Taiwan. The recalled jacket/pant sets were sold exclusively at Gordmans, Fred Meyer, Kids R Us, Ross, Gottschalks and Reebok Corporate Headquarters retail store in Canton, Massachusetts between August 2004 and February 2005 for between \$15 and \$20. All other jacket/pant sets purchased at any other retailer are not included in this recall.

**Problem:** The zipper slider and pull on the jackets can detach, if pulled when the jacket is open. The detached zipper slider and pull can pose a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled product away from young children and contact Adjmi recall hotline to receive a replacement product. For more

information or to receive instructions on receiving a replacement product contact Adjmi recall hotline at (800) 873-5570, or visit the Reebok Web site at [www.reebok.com](http://www.reebok.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05140.html>

**Release Number:** 05-141 MGA Entertainment Inc., of Van Nuys, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 297,000 Bratz™ Stylin' Scooter™. The product is a non-motorized two-wheeled scooter with a folding hinge and an adjustable handlebar. The scooter platform is purple with a bright pink Bratz logo on the top surface. Scooters containing information identifying the product as Item No. 266563, with a date of manufacture prior to July 2004, and manufactured by Jurong Dumar Bicycle, Inc. are included in this recall. This identification information can be located either in the area directly beneath the scooter platform or at the bottom of the scooter near the rear wheel. Toy and discount chain stores nationwide sold them from September 2003 through November 2004 for about \$30. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The wheels of the scooter can break or become damaged, and users of the scooters can fall and suffer injuries.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the scooter immediately and contact MGA for a refund or a replacement scooter. For additional information, contact MGA toll-free at (800) 222-4685 anytime or visit the company's Web site at [www.mgae.com](http://www.mgae.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05141.html>

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